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mounting objects for transport is well known in the prior art. The at least one storage surface 20 is movable between a first position 22, where the at least one storage surface 20 is generally coincident to the roof portion 14 of the automobile 12, and a second position 24 (see Figure 2), where the at least one storage surface 20 is generally parallel to the side portion 16 of the automobile 12. The capability of moving the at least one storage surface 20 from the first position 22 to the second position 24 provides a variety of benefits.

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[0019] The roof rack system 10 may further include a plurality of mounting elements 50. Although a variety of configurations are contemplated, in one embodiment the use of two mounting elements 50 is contemplated. It is contemplated that the mounting elements 50 may include latching areas 52. The latching areas 52 may be utilized as a convenient location to attach bungee cords or other securing straps commonly utilized to hold objects on the roof rack system 10. The present invention may further include a locking mechanism 54 for securing the storage surface 20 in the second position 24. Although a variety of locking elements 54 are contemplated by the present invention, in one embodiment the locking element 54 is a pivoting lock that can remain flush (flush position 60) with the side portion 16 of the vehicle 12 while the storage position 20 is in the first position 22 (see Figure 1) and may be swung out to lock the storage surface 20 in the second position 24 (see Figure 2).